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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my support for the settlement between Microsoft and the US Dept. of Justice. The settlement will satisfy the desires of all involved parties, and should be allowed to proceed.

I do not think Microsoft has a monopoly. In fact, I believe Microsoft's innovation has benefited the country's growth. Not only, does Microsoft epitomize all the aspects of a successful business in a free market economy, but it positively affects our country's economy. Still, Microsoft is willing to accept sanctions, including sharing business secrets and non-retaliation clauses, that go well beyond the original concerns of the lawsuit in order to get on with business.

As a Microsoft products user and supporter, I am glad to see this issue settled and I look forward to Microsoft's future growth throughout the technology sector.

Sincerely,



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cc: Senator Rick Santorum